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## [Town of Grafton MA] The Project at 244 Worcester Street (Sent by Lindsey Logan, lindseymlogan@gmail.com)

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Hello Planning Department,

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## Message:

## Dear Grafton Planning Board,

My name is Lindsey Logan, and I am a 29-year-old resident of Fairlawn Street. My husband, who grew up in Grafton, and I moved here almost two years ago. Moving to Grafton was a no-brainer for us. I grew up in Franklin, MA and work in Boston, MA. I wanted the quaint, small town that Franklin used to be, while also having the convenience of easy access to travel to Boston, MA every day and so, Grafton was the perfect town for us to settle down.

When we heard of the potential warehouse going in right across from our street, our hearts sank. This news also came shortly after we found out we are expecting our first child. My first thought went to the obvious, air pollution, noise pollution, light pollution, and then, traffic. Trying to take a left hand turn out of Bringham Hill Road to get to the Mass Pike is awful already, but with the increase in traffic going to and from this warehouse, it will be a disaster. 122 is the main access road to get on and off the Mass Pike from Grafton. Adding 600+ trucks to the already large amount of residents who chose to live here for the easy access will make traffic getting on and off the pike turn into a complete standstill. I have seen this happen in many different spots in Franklin, MA as the city decided to build itself up.

Another concern is my road being used as a cut-through. I see cars already using it as such, and I know that this will only increase as the traffic does. There are many young couples who have young children, along with a lot of active neighbors who walk on our road and the abutting neighborhoods all hours of the day. Cars flying up and down the road will put all of these residents in danger as there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood of Fairlawn Street. This is a large concern of mine with a future child on the way.

I chose to live in this town and raise my children in this town for many reasons, but one of the biggest was the fact that it was a small town, not built up. I saw what happened to my childhood hometown once large warehouses, condo complexes, etc. were built in places they should not be. Overpopulation, crime increased, car accidents increased, traffic increased, pollution increased--Most of the men and woman I grew up with have since moved out of built up towns and are seeking out towns like Grafton—small, community oriented, with the ability to travel in and out of the city easily. My generation wants to work in the city, but we do not want to feel like we live there.

I hope I can raise my children in this small town, and not watch it become what I watched Franklin become and still see it becoming. I understand that the property at 244 Worcester Street is commercial, but I do not believe a 375,000 square foot warehouse will benefit this town or it's residents. I hope that The Grafton Planning Board will not move forward with this development, and perhaps wait for a better opportunity, one that will benefit this town and the residents in the future. I sincerely appreciate your time in reading this, as well as your consideration. Best,

Lindsey Logan